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Case 1329 (FRANCISCO, San D. and MORRISON, Joseph C.)

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIONS:

- In August 1989, a joint team investigated this case in Thuong Trach Village, Bo Trach District, Quang Binh Province.

-- The team visited a crash site and recovered an identification number which was correlated to the number one engine of the Case 1329 aircraft. No remains were found.

- In January 1991, a joint team received additional information on this case.

-- Information derived from a research of Military Region 4 archives in Vinh City, Nghe Tinh Province indicated an F-4 aircraft was shot down on 25 November 1968 by a unit stationed in the "Cau Lang" area. Information on the fate of the pilots was not provided.

-- The team surveyed an alleged grave site near kilometer marker 54 where two American pilots were buried at the time of the incident.

- On 21 and 23 July 1991, during the 14th Iteration, a joint team examined documents at the Military Region 4 Museum in Vinh City which correlated to this case.

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- Entry 1462 of an MR4 record of American aircraft losses correlates to Case 1329 by date, location and aircraft type.
- Entry 14 of an MR4 document titled, "Record of American Air Pirates Killed and Torn Apart in Military Region IV," correlates to First Lieutenant Francisco by name, service number and province of loss.
- Entry 13 of the same document correlates with Major Morrison by name, service number, DOB, and province of loss.
- At the 280th Air Defense Regiment Tradition House (Regimental Museum) the U.S. research analyst attached to our Hanoi office observed documents and data plates which relate to Case 1329 by date, location and aircraft type. Also on display was a holster and undamaged revolver, Serial Number K597312, which correlates with Major Morrison.

U.S. COMMENTS:

- Although the joint team located the wreckage of the aircraft involved in this incident, they were unable to locate any eyewitnesses to the incident.

- Because the two pilots had voice contact with search and rescue forces, the information in entries 13 and 14 of the MR4 document appears ambiguous and requires further research.

- Request the information team research whether other officials who served in the Thuong Trach area may have information on the specific location of the burial site near the 54 kilometer marker of Route 20.

- We believe military personnel from the following units in the Ban Karai Pass area may have knowledge of this case.

-- Commo-Liaison Station T-6 and the Headquarters of Binh Tram 14.

-- Quang Binh Province transport, road repair and communication elements who were located in the area.

-- Elements of the 559th Transportation Group stationed in the area.

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-- Air Defense units including the 18th and 21st AAA
Battalion.